Letter To The Editor

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Of vital interest to all residents of Prince Edward County; property owners, tenants, merchants and operators of other commercial and industrial establishments in the Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 11, to be held at the Prince Edward County Courthouse in the Circuit Court Room at 11 a.m. The Hearing has been mandated by the Board of Supervisors to consider the adoption of an ordinance sponsored by certain of its members whereby a tax on utility service shall be imposed. The revenue to be derived from this ordinance "to the extent necessary, shall be used for SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL". (Caps applied by the writer.)

If those who must add from four dollars ($4.00) to most five dollars ($5.00) MONTHLY, or approximately FIFTY dollars a year, to meet future INCREASED utility bills are to prevent the enactment of the ordinance NOW is the time to do so. The present Supervisors should be compelled to state their position in this regard. Other aspirants to the Board of Supervisors should likewise be called up to state their views publicly through the columns of the press and other media if possible.

The urgency of the situation is stressed because the imposition of the tax would result in the imposition of undue hardships to the resident taxpayers of the county. First, if the current realty and personal property tax should remain at its present rate, the added tax would be identical to at least a rate rise of approximately ONE DOLLAR ($1.00) and MORE (a home assessed at $4,000 would be taxed $160 instead of $112.). Second, the added tax on commercial and industrial users - defined in Article II - would, under the provisions of Article I, be subject to a STRAIGHT Twenty per cent (20%) tax imposed and levied on the utility service charge.

The surrender to the command of the Board of Supervisors in this instance would, therefore cause the residents of Prince Edward to bear the brunt of increased costs of goods and services that would have necessity been applied by the effected businesses. This, in addition to their immediate and direct monthly impost.

The haste to enact this ordinance, prior to the adoption of a Budget for the approaching year, shows little - if any - concern for not only the RESIDENT taxpayer, the RESIDENT renter, the COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL concerns that have invested in the future of Prince Edward County, but for the students, faculties and visitors who contribute to the economy of the county.

Families residing in the county, adjacent to the counties of Appomattox and Charlotte, will be further subjected to unjust discrimination. Those subscribers for local telephone service paying a monthly fee of Eight dollars and Twenty-five cents would be taxed at the Twenty per cent amounting to $1.65 at the prevailing rate. This, despite the fact that the First Colony Telephone Company of Amherst provides its patrons with but less that ten per cent of local service to points in Prince Edward County. Any calls east of Darlington Heights are toll calls. A call to Farmville, the County seat, not accounting for switchboard delays, costs the subscriber at least twenty-five cents plus the Federal Toll Tax.

Appreciative of your kindness in permitting me to inform my fellow residents and taxpayers of Prince Edward County of this most important decision to assert ourselves before June 11 and on that date when the verdict shall be rendered.

Respectfully,
Felix E. Lombardi
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gram was instituted in 1948 and today is SCF's largest, accounting for nearly half of the 29,000 sponsorships.

It is the intent of the new sponsorship program to help preserve the ancient Indian heritage, while at the same time giving the people and the community the present day ingredients and services needed for a healthier and happier life.

Priorities will be determined by the Indian people themselves through their appointed representatives on Save the Children Federation's community committee.

Contact between sponsor and child will be maintained, Mr. Johnson emphasized. Sponsors will still receive photographs and case histories of a child, as well as information on self-help community development projects in progress. They also can correspond with an individual child in the area.

Founded in 1932, Save the Children Federation aids children, their families and communities in the Southern Appalachian Mountains, on American Indian reservations and in many countries overseas. The Federation is a member of the International Union for Child Welfare, the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, and the International Council of Voluntary Agencies. An individual, school or group interested in helping a child should write Save the Children Federation, Wilton Road, Dept. P, Westport, Conn. 06880.

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Central Virginia Health District Earns Praise

The Central Virginia Health District, which serves Appomattox, Amherst, and Campbell Counties as well as the cities of Lynchburg and Bedford, has won praise from a State Health Department official for "offering family planning services of a superior nature, both in terms of quality and quantity."

In a report issued recently, State Family Planning Director Dr. Harold Gabel reported that the local district increased its number of public family planning clinic sessions from 53 to 95 for a 79.2 percent gain during the last half of 1974 as opposed to the comparable period for the preceding year.

During the same period, Dr. Gabel continued, clinic visits increased from 591 to 995 (an increase of 68.4 percent) and the number of new patients jumped to 323 from 129 (79.8 percent increase).

For the entire state, clinic sessions increased by 19.4 percent, clinic visits by 18.8 percent, and new patients by 30.6 percent.

Dr. Gabel had special praise for Dr. J. B. Kinlaw, the local health director, who last year secured a family planning grant from the federally funded Virginia Planning Project.

Appointments and information about family planning related medical, educational and social services can be obtained by telephoning the local health department or your private physician.

TOBACCO QUOTA TO CONTINUE

The USDA recently announced that marketing quotas will remain in effect for Virginia fire-cured and sun-cured tobacco and the acreage allotments for these two types of tobacco would be increased by 10 per cent over the previously announced allotments for these types of tobacco.

This decision was made after an investigation into the advisability of terminating quotas on these and several other types of tobacco was made by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

In this investigation the Virginia Dept. of Agriculture and Commerce urged the U.S. Department of Agriculture to keep the quota program in effect and increase the allotments if a larger supply was needed.

Virginia's Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, S. Mason Carbaugh, expressed pleasure at the USDA decision and urges each grower of these two types of tobacco to increase his planted acreage in 1975 to supply the needs of the users of these types of tobacco.

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You and I are fortunate to have access to certain information about God. As Christians, we read the Bible though the eyes of Faith. In the four Gospels we are exposed to four witnesses to the God-man.

Those Apostles and the others also have passed on to us their encounters with Jesus. Each Apostolic story is unique and has the impression of its particular author.

The Apostles were unique men who lived in a unique relationship. They rubbed elbows with God for three years of their lives. None of us has had their experience. They are particular witnesses to the Incarnate God.

Because of their encounter with Jesus they must be listened to with our sharpest attention. Their faith and witness help us to encounter Jesus in our experience.

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, June 1, 1975
Topic: How the Bible Came to Be
Scripture: Exodus 24:3-8; Jeremiah 36; John 21:24-25; Revelation 1:10-11

In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son. Hebrews 1:1-2

Our word Bible is a transliteration of the Greek word biblia, which means "books." Our word Scripture or Scriptures to designate the same work is of Latin derivation and means "writing" or "writings." "Books" and "writings" are numerous indeed, for as we read in the ancient book of Ecclesiastes, "of making many books there is no end." If this was true of a time when books were produced by being written by hand on parchment or papyrus, how much more true is it now when books are mass produced on printing presses.

Yet we still use words meaning "books" or "writings" to designate one volume, which contains a total of 66 books or writings, and no one asks, when the term is used, what collection of books is referred to. What gives such distinctiveness to this collection of writings that there is no question of what is meant when we refer to it by words meaning simply "books" or "writings"?

Each of the Scripture passages selected for this week's International Sunday School lesson contains the explanation, for each declares that it is the word or revelation of God spoken or given to men. In Exodus we read, "And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord." In Jeremiah, "this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord," and after the original scroll on which this word had been written had been burned by the king, "the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll."

The passage from John should be taken in connection with the earlier statement of purpose (20:31): "these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name." And in Revelation, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book . . .'"

In numerous other passages of Scripture the reader finds the claim that it is the word or the revelation of God. Because the "books" and the "writings" reveal God and His will to man, they are distinctively unique. Because the experience of man confirms that these are indeed the word and revelation of God, they have a special place and are truly the distinctive "books" and "writings." Because the faithful have perceived them as the word and revelation of God, they have been preserved through the centuries with great care and devotion.

The books which are now included in the collection we call "Bible" were written by many authors over a period of more than a thousand years. It would be impossible to find any other collection of 66 books, written by so many different writers over a comparable period of time, with a similar harmony and unity of content and theme. The unifying thread we find running through these books is evidence to support that claim that they record God's word and revelation to man. Over a period of many centuries, God revealed Himself to accomplish His purpose of reconciling man to Himself. Those to whom He spoke wrote down the content of the revelation. When the fullest revelation of God was made in Jesus Christ, some of those who were witnesses to it thought it so important to mankind, contemporary and future, that they wrote records of it.

In the earlier days of the race, man transmitted by word of mouth what he wanted others to know. The great epics of antiquity, for example, were first circulated from memory. Man soon realized that in this method of transmission there were too many opportunities for error, for omission, for amendment, for addition, for forgetting altogether. To insure an exact copy and the preservation of what he wanted transmitted, he committed to writing what he thought it important to transmit. So the Bible came to be, because God spoke to man and man thought it important to transmit the word of God in its integrity to his contemporaries and to those who would come afterward.

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